

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
COMMITTEE; MISSISSIPPI
REPUBLICAN PARTY; JAMES
PERRY; and MATTHEW LAMB**

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-25-LG-RPM

**JUSTIN WETZEL, *in his official
capacity as the clerk and registrar of the
Circuit Court of Harrison County*, et al.**

DEFENDANTS

and

**VET VOICE FOUNDATION and
MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR
RETIRED AMERICANS**

INTERVENOR DEFENDANTS

consolidated with

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI

PLAINTIFF

VS.

Civil Action No. 1:24-cv-37-LG-RPM

**JUSTIN WETZEL, *in his official
capacity as the clerk and registrar of the
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DEFENDANTS

AGREED ORDER STAYING CONSOLIDATED CASES

THESE CONSOLIDATED CAUSES having come before the Court on the *ore tenus* motion of Defendant Michael Watson, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Mississippi (“the Secretary”), to stay further District Court proceedings pending the filing and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court and the conclusion of any Supreme Court proceedings on the merits, and the Court, finding that all parties are amenable to

the stay requested by the Secretary, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, finds that said motion to stay is well taken and should be **GRANTED**.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Secretary's motion to stay be and the same hereby is **GRANTED**, and all District Court proceedings in the above-styled consolidated cases are hereby **STAYED** pending the filing and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court and the conclusion of any Supreme Court proceedings on the merits.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that counsel for the Secretary shall provide the Court, via e-mail, with an update every 90 days (commencing with entry of this order) regarding the status of the cert petition and any Supreme Court proceedings resulting therefrom.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 18th day of April, 2025.

s/ *Louis Guirola, Jr.*

LOUIS GUIROLA, JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

AGREED TO:

s/Spencer M. Ritchie
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS IN
CAUSE NO. 1:24-cv-25-LG-RPM

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF IN
CAUSE NO. 1:24-cv-37-LG-RPM

s/Tim C. Holleman
TIM C. HOLLEMAN (MSB #2526)
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JUSTIN WETZEL, TONI JO DIAZ, BECKY
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respective official capacities

s/Rex M. Shannon III

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MICHAEL WATSON, in his official capacity

as Secretary of State of Mississippi

s/Paloma Wu

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ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS